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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: POSTAL SYSTEM

1. MAJOR PROJECTS DIVISION, USDOC WAS VISITED BY ANTONIO PULIDO, BELIEVED TO BE VENEZUELAN CITIZEN, WHO WAS LOOKING FOR A U.S. ENGINEERING FIRM TO ASSIST IN DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW POSTAL SYSTEM FOR VENEZUELA. MR. PULIDO SAID HE WAS DOING THIS BECAUSE THE VICE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS HAD EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN LOCATING U.S. FIRMS FOR THIS PROJECT. MEPD SUGGESTED SEVERAL FIRMS AND PULIDO HAS BEGUN TALKING TO ONE: DALTON, DALTON, LITTLE AND NEWPORT. EVIDENTLY THE WORK INVOLVED WOULD BE TO PERFORM A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR A NEW POSTAL SYSTEM AND THEN TO DRAW UP SPECIFICATIONS AND TENDERS. THE FIRM SELECTED IS NOT TO HAVE TIES WITH EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURERS.

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2. DALTON HAS NOW ASKED MEPD TO CHECK WITH LOCAL SOURCES AVAILABLE TO EMBASSY AND DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT THIS PROJECT IS REAL. IF REAL, CAN EMBASSY FIND OUT HOW LARGE A SYSTEM IS ENVISAGED? ALSO CAN YOU CONFIRM PULIDO'S ACCESS TO VICE MINISTER? REALIZE THAT THIS MAY BE IMPOSSIBLE WITH NO ADDRESS BUT WOULD APPRECIATE ANYTHING

THAT CAN BE DONE.
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